

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Post for articles, comprising such  
~~as parasols, road signs, advertizing signs, or a rotary clothes~~  
~~drier,~~ with a top part (1) for holding a shaft of the article and  
a bottom part (2, 2') facing the ground, ~~characterized by a~~  
central connecting element (3, 3') which is located in the area  
of the bottom part (2, 2') and which can be positively joined to  
a mount (11, 11') which is anchored securely in the ground, the  
central connecting element (3, 3') comprising a screw and the  
mount (11, 11') comprising an anchor, the top part (1) comprising  
a pipe and the bottom part (2) comprising a plate which is  
connected to the pipe in the manner of a flange, the bottom part  
(2, 2') being welded to the top part (1), and an elastic layer  
(15) on the ground plate (2') on the side facing the ground.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) Post as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
central connecting element (3, 3') and the mount (11, 11') form a  
screw thread-quick release coupling.

4. (original) Post as claimed in claim 1, wherein the central connecting element (3, 3') and the mount (11, 11') can be joined to one another via a snap connection and/or rotary connection.

5. (previously presented) Post as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mount (11, 11') consists of high-quality steel or aluminum.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) Post as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pipe (1) is open on its end facing the mount (11) and wherein the connecting element (11) on this end is attached to the pipe (1).

8. (original) Post as claimed in claim 7, wherein a holding part (4) for the connecting element (3) is mounted in the pipe (1).

9. (original) Post as claimed in claim 8, wherein the holding part (4) consists of a receiving part (5) through which the connecting element (3) extends, and a fixing part (6) with which the connecting element (3) is held in the receiving part (4).

10. (original) Post as claimed in claim 9, wherein the receiving part (5) and the fixing part (6) are screwed (7) to one another.

11. (previously presented) Post as claimed in claim 9, wherein the fixing part (6) has a centering opening (10).

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) Post as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bottom part (2') is formed by an essentially all-over ground plate which is permanently joined to the top part (1).

14. (original) Post as claimed in claim 12, wherein the connecting element is inserted through a hole (13) in the ground plate (2').

15. (currently amended) Post as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting element (3, 3') is ~~captively connected,~~  
~~for example,~~ cemented to the post.

16. (previously presented) Post as claimed in claim 13, wherein the connecting element (13) is a screw (3') which is screwed into the ground plate (2') and is optionally fixed there.

17. (previously presented) Post as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top part (1) in the area of its top end has a clamp device for the shaft of the article.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) Post as claimed in claim ~~[[18]]~~ 1, wherein the elastic layer (15) is a plate of rubber or the like.

20. (currently amended) Post as claimed in claim 19, wherein the layer (15) is permanently joined, ~~for example cemented~~ to the bottom part (2').

21. (currently amended) Post as claimed in claim ~~[[18]]~~ 1, wherein the layer (15) closely surrounds the central connecting element (3, 3').

22-25. (canceled)